

## **REMARKS**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his favorable consideration of Claims 9, 16, 25, and 34. These claims have been amended to include the limitations of their respective base claims.

Claims 1-8, 10-15, 17-24, and 26-33 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 9, 16, 25, and 34 are pending in the application.

## **CONCLUSION**

Applicant again thanks the Examiner for his favorable consideration of the claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims of the application are in condition for allowance and further requests allowance thereof. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the below-listed telephone number if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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